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A SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST ADVISED THAT ON THE LATE MORNING OF NOVEMBER FOUR, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT SAVILLE DAVIS, WASHINGTON BUREAU, CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR NEWSPAPER, CONTACTED A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE VIETNAMESE EMBASSY, WASHINGTON, D. C., AND ASKED FOR AN APPOINTMENT WITH AMBASSADOR BUI DIEN. WHEN INFORMED THAT THE AMBASSADOR WAS BUSY, DAVIS STATED HE WANTED TO CHECK OUT A STORY RECEIVED FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN SAIGON AND THAT DAVIS PLANS TO COME TO THE EMBASSY AND WAIT FOR THE AMBASSADOR TO SEE HIM.

DAVIS SAID THAT THE DISPATCH FROM SAIGON CONTAINS THE ELEMENTS OF A MAJOR SCANDAL WHICH ALSO INVOLVES THE VIETNAMESE

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